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# Despite defeat . . . the four new men are looking good

By **MIKE WHITESMAN**: Wycombe Wanderers 1, Yeovil Town 2

WYCOMBE Wanderers' team boss, Brian Lee, showed his "hand" publicly for the first time this season at Loakes Park on Saturday, and pulled out four valuable new aces.

Between them, Messrs. Delaney, Hatt, Anthony and Ward looked good. They looked very good indeed.

The foursome combined smoothly with their fellow Wanderers, who soon had the Southern League visitors pinned back inside their own territory.

Yeovil, fielding a host of new signings, were not nearly as quick to find their feet, and could thank the gods that Wycombe only took a one goal lead off the field with them at half-time.

But that goal, leisurely tapped home by an unmarked Keith Samuels after poor understanding between Yeovil de-

fenders in the 37th minute, was not enough.

For the situation changed slowly, but surely from the resumption as Wanderers' grip on the game eased, and Yeovil's attack at last began to show in any strength.

In the 82nd minute, Cyril Davies volleyed in an equaliser from 20 yards, and, with seconds remaining, again beat Maskell, who was caught completely offguard by a deflection off one of his own defenders.

In their second-half breakdown lay Wycombe's major failing underlined . . . inconsistency, and it is this that Lee considers important to smooth out.

Certainly, with the potential he now would seem to have prepared to challenge for Enfield's Isthmian League title as from next Saturday, for such a weakness to interfere would be tragic.

The cool efficiency provided by Slough Town's former "giant" of a centre-half, John Delaney, was enough to instill confidence while Bobby Hatt worked well in midfield, and Welsh Amateur International, Geoffrey Anthony has obviously something to offer the forward line.

Of the 12 players tried out—Viv Busby was unused as substitute, although Vince Faulkner replaced Ian Rundle in the full-back berth for some of the second half—the "old guard" whom Lee has chosen as the backbone round which to build his squad, supplied the usual touches.

Julian Lailey displayed all his mastery, and, with Delaney to accompany him, will have extra scope in turning play back upfield.